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Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Re: Dimock Follow-Up Verification/Completeness Check

Cynthia and Kelley,

Based on the response from the R3 Lab dated 2/23/12, the data included in File 1201013 FINAL PART 1 of 3 R33907 02 11 12 1308.pdf and included in the Verification/Completeness Check issued on 2/15/12 (document SERAS-001-DSR-021512_Dimock_2), the following qualifiers are recommended for the 2-methoxyethanol data:

· The LCS recovery for BS1 was outside of the 80-120% recovery limits (61%). Data should be qualified "UJ" for 2-methoxyethanol analyzed in Batch BA22902

With regards to Batch 22502 for Diethylene Glycol and Triethylene glycol, the LCS (BS2) recoveries were outside of the 80-120% limits (@ 122% and 127%, respectively). No qualification of the data are recommended since the recoveries are biased high. When the LCS recoveries are high, no qualification of the data are required since the non-detect result "U" would not change.

With regards to the manganese data in Batch 23002, it should be noted that the National Functional Guidelines recommends that all samples of the same matrix be flagged if the samples are sufficiently similar. Since it could not be ascertained during the review if all the samples in the batch were sufficiently similar, this reviewer agrees with the qualifier of "J" only applied to HW02z (the sample that was spiked). Once the data are compiled and all analyses are available, a second review of the samples in this batch should be done to determine if any other samples should be qualified "J".

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The report on the Dimock Verification/Completeness Check for file 1201013 FINAL Part 1 of 3 R33907 02 11 13 1308.pdf was reviewed and below are the responses for your consideration.

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1. Table 1 – Field and QC Sampling Summary lists mercury as a metal of interest. No data are reported for mercury in this file.

Response: Mercury results are included in Part 3 of 3 with Inorganics.

2. The requested RL on the Methods for Surface Waters and Groundwaters lists the RL for Uranium as 10 µg/L. The laboratory reported 1.0 µg/L. Verify that the RL reported is correct.

Response: The RL of 1.0 ug/L is correct.

3. For the LCS and MS reported with Batch 22503, uranium is not reported for either the LCS or MS even though uranium is reported for the field samples and a duplicate result if available for uranium. Verify that this was not a laboratory oversight.

Response: The LCS and MS did have uranium in the spike mix. The results were mistakenly not included in the report. This was an oversight. The LCS and MS both had passing results for uranium and information is included in the case file. A supplemental report with the QC results can be generated upon request.

4. There is no explanation for the "J" flag reported for manganese for sample HW02z in the case narrative. It is not known if this result exceeded linear range or there is another explanation that is not apparent.

Response: The manganese result was flagged due to a failing matrix spike result. For future reports, the narratives will include this type of information for clarity.

5. Due to lack of project action limits, it was noted that several metals exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs): Iron for samples HW02, HW02z, HW05, HW06 and HW12; manganese for samples HW02, HW02z, HW06, HW02z-F, HW02-F, HW08a-F, HW08a, HW12 and HW12-F; and aluminum for sample HW06.

No comment.

6. There were several non-typical metals that were detected in some of the drinking water samples for which no MCLs are available: Strontium for samples HW04, HW04-F, HW02, HW02z, HW01, HW05, HW06, HW06-F, HW02z-F, HW01-F, HW02-F, HW05-F, HW12, HW17 and HW17-F; uranium for samples HW04, HW04-F, HW02, HW02z, HW05, HW06, HW06-F, HW02z-F, HW02-F, HW05-F, HW12, HW17 and HW17-F; boron for samples HW06, HW06-F, HW24, HW24-P, HW12, HW12-F, HW24-PF and HW24-F; and lithium for samples HW06, HW06-F, HW24 and HW24-P.

No comment.

7. For glycols, the case narrative states that all applicable OASQA On Demand QA/QC protocols were followed. It is not apparent if the data were qualified by the laboratory based on precision and accuracy data since no QC data are available in the laboratory report.

Response: QC Data was included in the report. LCS recoveries that exceeded limits (limits were based on suggested criteria in SW846-800-C) were qualified "A". No target analytes were detected and no impact on the data is expected.

8. It is assumed that all required instrument QC in the method was run and was within the criteria listed in the EPA R3 SOPs since this information is not available in the laboratory report.

Response: This assumption is correct and future reports will include a statement in the narrative.

Overall, based on the above comments and response an impact to result values or qualifiers does not seem warranted. In addition, as a follow-up to our conversation, the lab qualifiers in the R3 EDD reports are included in the column with header "results_comments" and not the column titled "lab_qualifiers." This is an Element issue and the lab_qualifier column includes the code "D," which may be related to "detected" but this needs confirmed by the vendor of our LIMS. The results_comments column includes the appropriate qualifiers placed by the laboratory and should be used instead. If you should have any questions or need further discussion on the above response please feel free to contact me or Robin Costas at 410-305-2659.

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